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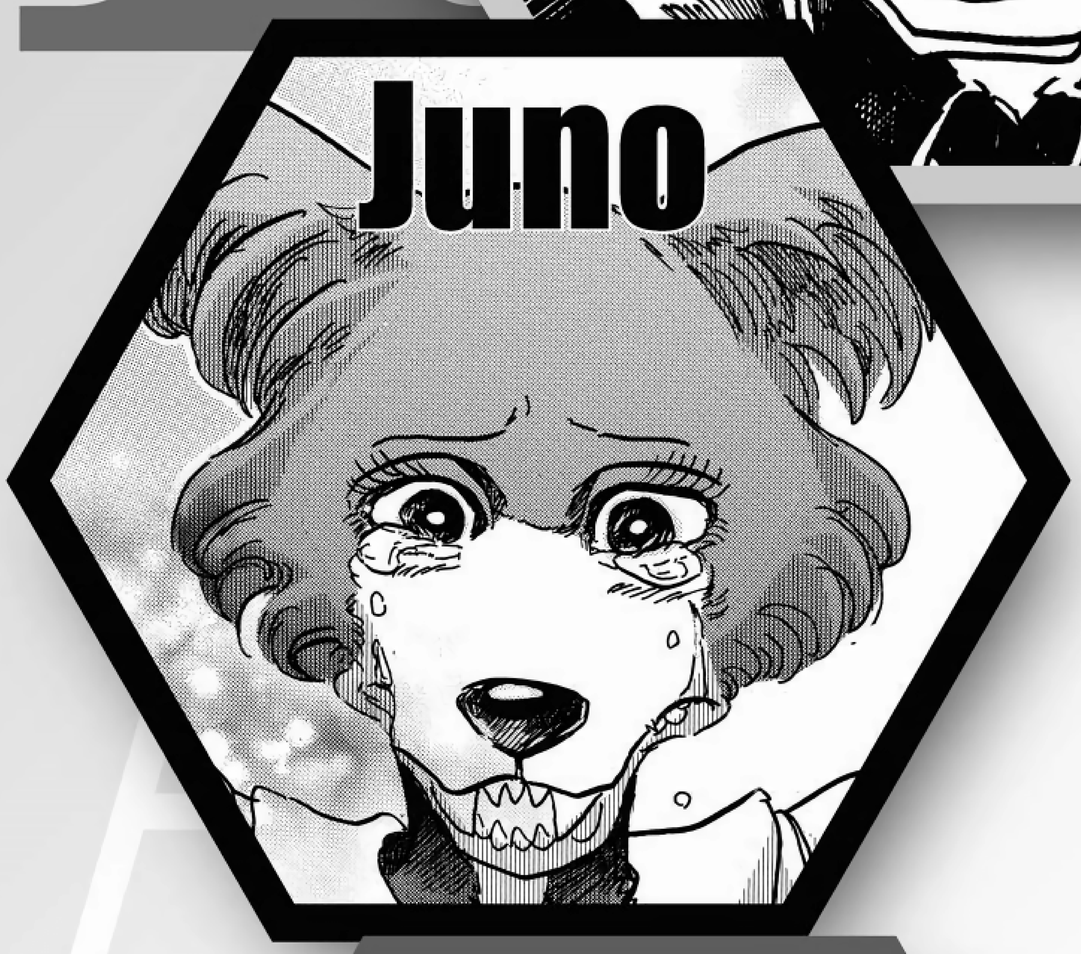
Louis

★Red deer ♂
★High school third-year
★Former leader of the Drama Club actors pool, but now leader of the Shishi-gumi

Haru

★Netherland dwarf rabbit ♀
★High school third-year
★Member of the Gardening Club

Juno



★Gray wolf ♀
★High school first-year
★Member of the Drama Club actors pool

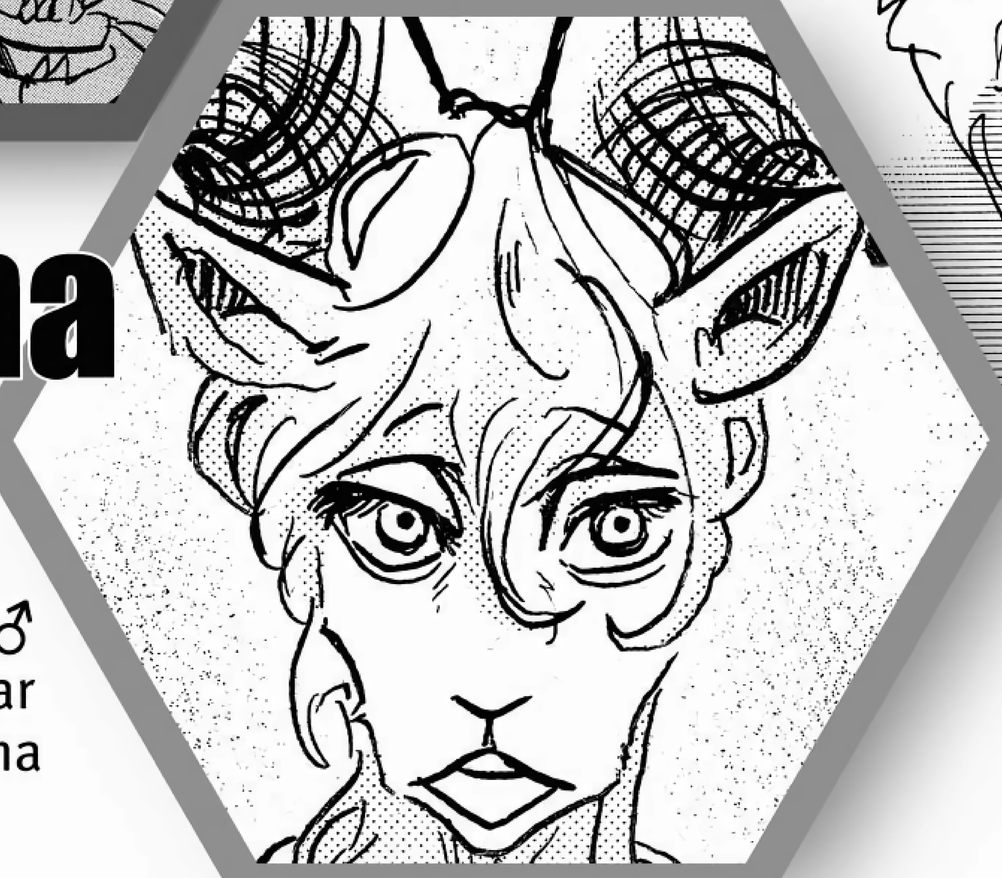
Gohin

★Giant panda ♂
★Psychologist who runs a clinic at the black market

Riz

★Brown bear ♂
★High school second-year
★Member of the Drama Club sound crew

Pina



★Dall bighorn sheep ♂
★High school first-year
★Member of the Drama Club actors pool

STORY & CAST OF CHARACTERS

Cherryton Academy is an integrated boarding school for a diverse group of carnivores and herbivores. Recently Tem, an alpaca member of the Drama Club, was slain and devoured on campus. Since then tensions between predators and prey have been running high...

Legoshi continues to train for his showdown with brown bear Riz, who murdered his friend Tem. In preparation, Legoshi takes a living being's life by eating an insect. This act floods his body with vitality, and his shaved fur grows back virtually overnight.

Legoshi finally sees Haru again at school. He makes up his mind to punish Riz for her sake, then finds himself alone with the dangerous bear in the boys' locker room. Riz wants to get rid of Legoshi because he knows Riz is the murderer. The two begin a life-and-death struggle, but are forced to stop fighting when a janitor appears. They vow to finish their duel on New Year's Eve...

Legoshi sneaks into the black market to see Louis, disguising himself as a female wolf so the Shishi-gumi lion gang won't recognize him. He finds Louis drinking at a bar, and tells him the truth about Riz. Legoshi then asks Louis to witness their duel, but Louis refuses. New Year's Eve is only three days away... The final showdown between Legoshi and Riz is fast approaching!

Legoshi

★Gray wolf ♂
★High school second-year
★Member of the Drama Club production crew
★Physically powerful yet emotionally sensitive
★Struggles with his identity as a carnivore

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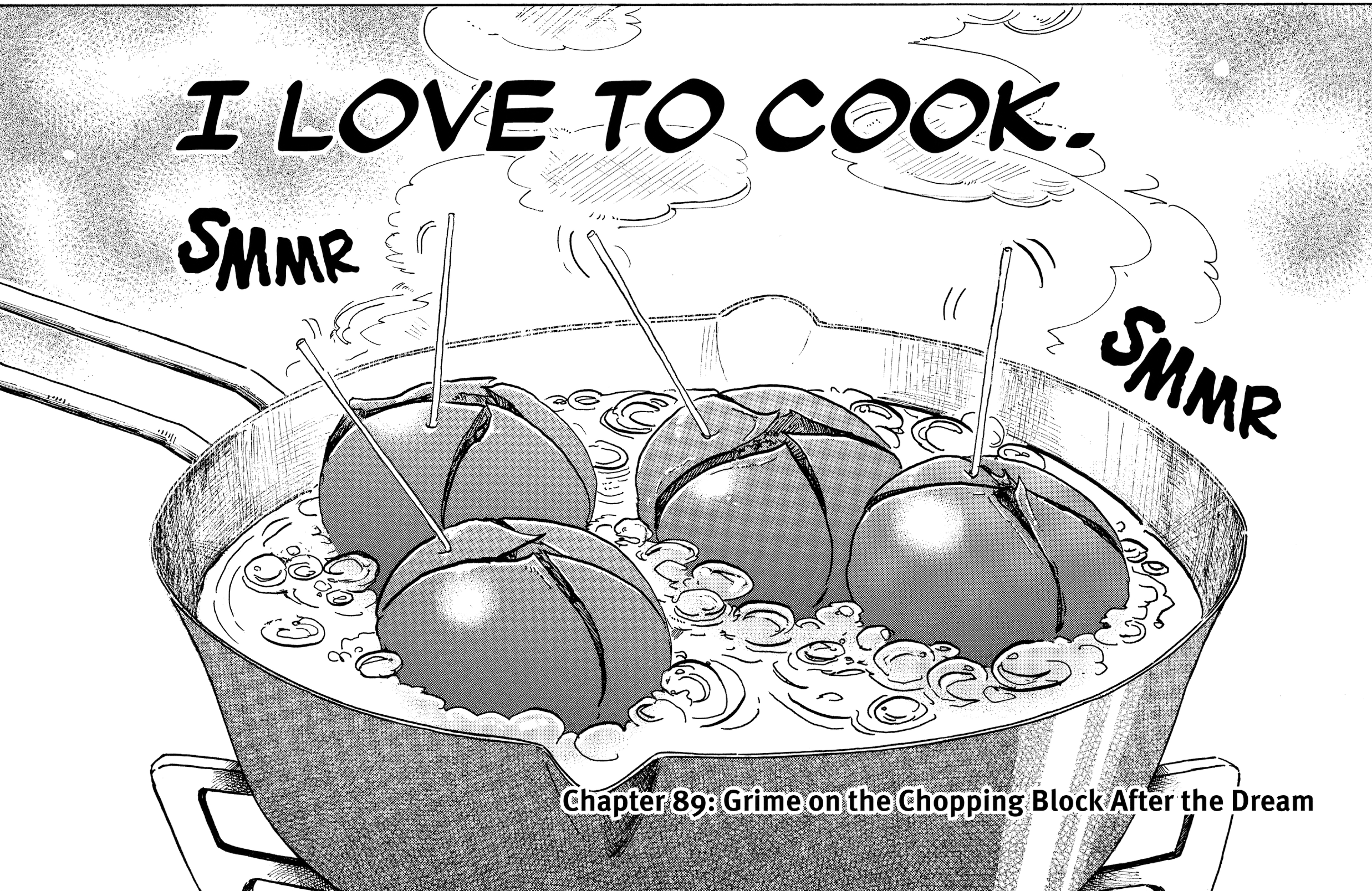

Chapter 89: Grime on the Chopping Block After the Dream

...THEN PEEL THEM WITH MY CLAWS...

I'LL POP THEM IN ICE WATER...

THE SKIN'S SLIDING RIGHT OFF.

SHK

PEEEEL

BLANCHING TOMATOES. I DON'T WANT THE SKINS IN MY CURRY.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RIZ?

(*RESIDENTS MAY RESERVE THE KITCHENETTE IN THEIR DORMS.)

YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT A LITTLE LONGER. SORRY.

SOME-TIMES I...

...COOK FOR MY ROOM-MATES.

NO PROBLEM!

...CALMS ME.

SHK

COOK-ING..

"...BEST FRIENDS."

"WE'RE..."

...LIKE IT WAS YESTER-DAY.

MASH

KRUSH

WHEN I COOK, I REMEM-BER THAT NIGHT...

"...RIZ..."

"I ACCEPT ALL OF YOU..."

...A CELE-BRATION OF LIFE.

SMMR

SMMR

MEALS ARE...

...AS YOU ENTERED MY JAWS, WEREN'T YOU?

HEM... YOU WERE SMILING...

TA DAH

RIZ IS A GREAT COOK!

LET'S EAT!

Wow!

I'VE MADE A TOMATO AND SOYBEAN CURRY. HELP YOURSELF!

I DID IT AGAIN... I'LL BE CAREFUL NEXT TIME!

I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHY, BUT...

I GET THIRSTY AFTER I EAT IT.

YOUR FOOD TASTES REALLY GOOD, BUT IT'S ALWAYS SUPER SALTY.

HEH HEH... BUT HOW MANY CURRY-ROUX CUBES DID YOU USE?

...I'VE LOST MY SENSE OF TASTE.

...EVER SINCE THAT NIGHT...

THE CURRY IS TASTELESS TO ME...

Time for evening meds...

YOU CAN HAVE SOME OF MINE. I'VE BEEN STOCKING UP.

OOPS! I'M ABOUT TO RUN OUT OF MY STRENGTH SUPPRES-SANTS.

OF COURSE. IF WE MISS EVEN ONE DOSE, WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN THE NEXT DAY?

YOU'VE GOT EXTRAS? THANKS!

URSIDAE WHO GROW TALLER THAN 6'7" ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO TAKE NIGHTLY STRENGTH SUPPRESSANTS. THE MEDICATION ATROPHIES THEIR MUSCLES.

STRENGTH SUPPRESSANTS

...AND WHILE WE WERE PANICKING OVER WHAT WE'D DONE, WE'D BE SWIMMING IN A SEA OF BLOOD.

WE'D BE ABLE TO RIP HERBIVORE HIDE LIKE TISSUE PAPER...

...OF OUR MONSTROUS STRENGTH.

WE URSIDAE SHOULD BE PROUD...

I GET IT, BUT ISN'T THAT DESCRIPTION A LITTLE... UM...?

WELL... Y-YEAH.

IT WAS JUST LIKE THE WAY MY INGREDIENTS...

...ALLOW ME TO COOK THEM HOWEVER I WANT.

I'M THE ONLY BEAR WHO HAS BECOME TRUE FRIENDS WITH AN HERBIVORE.

ANYWAY, I ATE TEM THE ALPACA WITH HIS CONSENT.

GENTLY...

QUIETLY...

...MELDING INTO EACH OTHER.

...SO I DON'T NEED MY SENSE OF TASTE ANY-MORE!

I WANT MY MEMORIES TO BE BEAUTIFUL... MORE AND MORE BEAUTIFUL!

I DON'T EVER WANT TO FORGET HOW TEM TASTED...

...TEM LATELY.

I'VE BEEN THINKING A LOT ABOUT...

WHAT 2!

...WERE DRAMA CLUB MEM-BERS...

I HEARD THE ONLY CARNI-VORES HE HUNG OUT WITH...

LEGOSHI2

WHY DREDGE UP HIS MURDER ALL OF A SUDDEN AND TREAT US DRAMA CLUB MEMBERS LIKE SUSPECTS2 ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND2!

HEY!

THIS GRAY WOLF STARTED SNOOPING AROUND TO LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT TEM'S DEATH.

WHY DID YOU SAY THAT OUT OF THE BLUE2

AND WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT2

GLANCE

URK!

I UNDER-
STOOD
WHAT WAS
DESTINED
TO HAPPEN
THE
MOMENT
OUR
EYES
MET.

JOLT

...AND MY FRIENDSHIP...

...WITH TEM...

...WILL BE DEFILED...

THIS WOLF...

...WILL EXPOSE THE TRUTH...

I'M GOING TO CRUSH YOU AND AVENGE TEM!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DEVOURED TEM, AREN'T YOU?

IF YOU WANT TO KEEP DE-VOURING OUR HERBIVORE STUDENTS, YOU'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME FIRST!

...FRIEND?

...MY NEXT...

WILL YOU BECOME...

DON'T EXPECT TO LIVE TO GREET THE NEW YEAR.

WE'LL SETTLE THINGS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, RIZ.

IS THIS TOO SALTY ?!

...

SALT

SU
Vinegar

Light Soy Sauce

MY SENSE OF TASTE IS COMING BACK A LITTLE.

VINEGAR IS SOUR.

SUGAR... IS SWEET.

MY HEART IS POUNDING.

TOSS

TOSS

Strength Suppressant

Herbal Medicine

For growing carnivores!

MY BODY IS PREPAR-ING TO FIGHT...

...MY FINAL BATTLE WITH YOU, LEGOSHI.

I'LL FIGHT YOU WITHOUT MY MEDS.

SPLIII SH

I WILL...

FWSH

FW

Strength
Suppressant

Pharmaceutical

For growing carnivores

...FORGE THE FIERCEST FRIENDSHIP IN THE WORLD WITH YOU.

...WILL TASTE LIKE.

I WONDER WHAT YOUR FRIEND-SHIP...

HEY, RIZ. YOU'RE MAKING OMELETS TODAY, AREN'T YOU?! I CAN'T WAIT!

YEP. THEY'RE GOING TO BE GOOD. I THINK YOU'LL REALLY LIKE THEM.

I THINK SO... HE STOCKED UP. HE MUST JUST BE GOING THROUGH A GROWTH SPURT.

HEY... HAS RIZ GROWN BIGGER THIS PAST WEEK? HE'S TAKING HIS MEDS, ISN'T HE?

KRUSH

SLRP

I ONLY MEANT TO PICK UP THE EGG...

OOPS.

OOH!

...TASTES SO GOOD.

THIS BROKEN RAW EGG...

I'D BETTER GO TO BED EARLY TONIGHT.

I'M FINALLY GOING TO BATTLE RIZ TOMOR-ROW...

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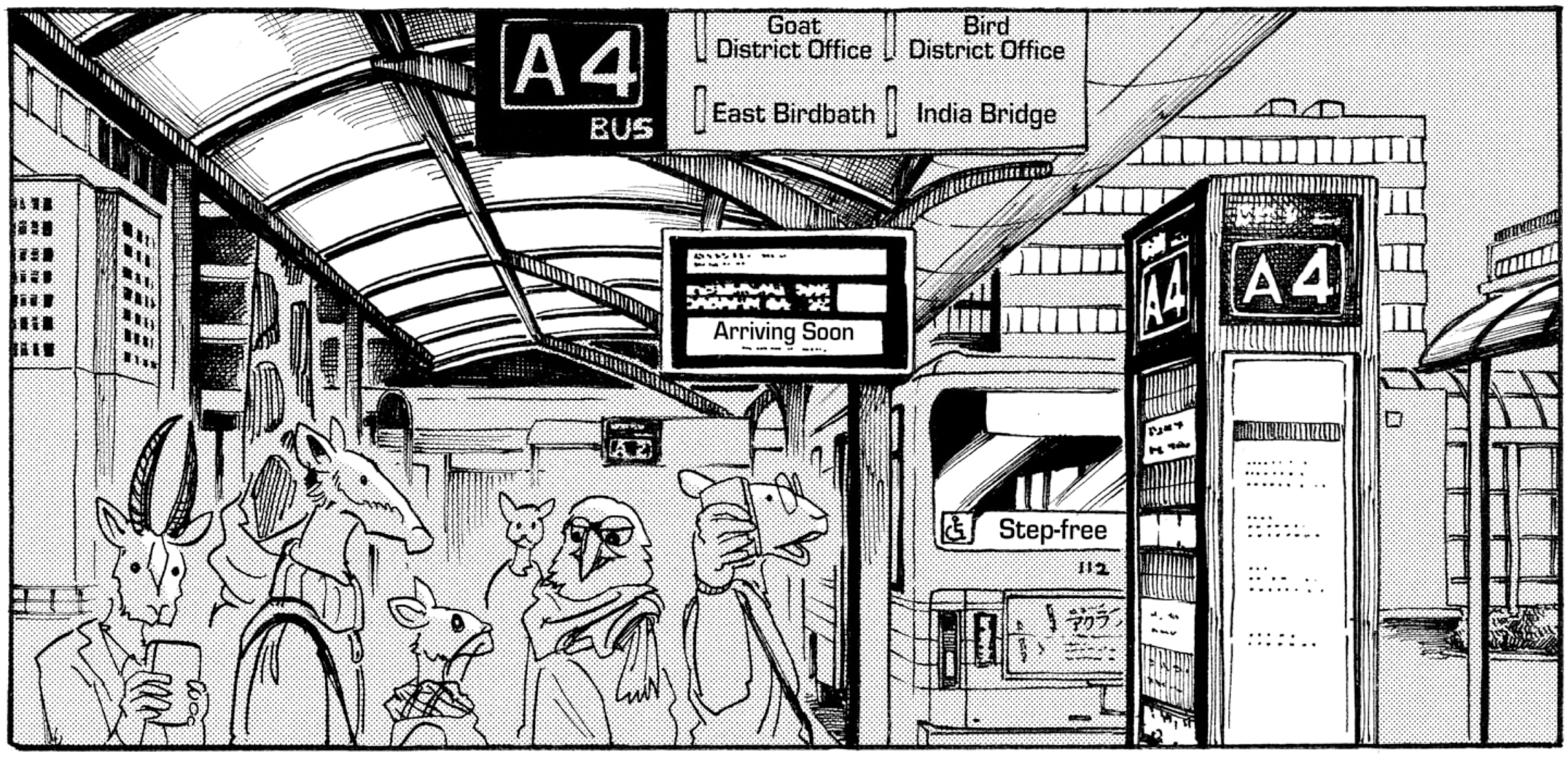
The Old Year Passes Away, the New Year Enters the Soul

NEW YEAR'S EVE



THE CITY IS BUSTLING ...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LEFT CAMPUS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

HE ALWAYS STAYS SO I WON'T BE ALONE IN OUR DORM.

COME TO THINK OF IT, JACK NEVER GOES HOME FOR NEW YEAR'S.

Only you... Only you...

JACK WOULD BE UPSET IF I DIED TONIGHT. HE MIGHT EVEN CRY.

DYING RIGHT AFTER ASKING HER TO MARRY ME... THAT COULD TRAUMATIZE HER AND AFFECT HER FUTURE ROMANTIC RELATION-SHIPS!

I DON'T WANT TO THINK OF HARU GRIEVING.

AND LOUIS...

THE DRAMA CLUB MEMBERS...

MY ROOMMATES IN ROOM 701...

AN HOUR AGO...

YOUR FIGHT'S TONIGHT, RIGHT? REMOVE THE BAN-DAGES AROUND YOUR HEAD. THEY'LL PUT YOU AT A DIS-ADVANTAGE IN BATTLE.

RIGHT...

I STARTED TO LIKE A LOT OF BEASTS THIS PAST YEAR.

LOOKS LIKE MY WOUNDS HAVE CLOSED UP...

...THANKS TO YOUR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

THEY SAY BEASTS' FACIAL MARKINGS CHANGE AT TURNING POINTS IN THEIR LIVES.

OH, BUT... WHAT'S THIS?

IS IT GOING TO SCAR? WILL THESE RIDGES GO AWAY?

...WHETHER YOU WIN OR LOSE.

YOU'RE ABOUT TO UNDERGO A MAJOR TRANS-FORMATION AFTER YOUR FIGHT WITH RIZ TONIGHT...

...ARE BOTH HARSH.

LIFE AND DEATH...

YOU'RE A UNIQUE CARNIVORE. YOUR DETERMINATION AND COMMITMENT HAVE MADE YOU POWERFUL.

BUT DON'T DIE...

THANK YOU, GOHIN.

WHAT DOES PREPARING FOR BATTLE MEAN ANYWAY? DO I PREPARE MYSELF TO DIE... OR TO LIVE?

I HAVE SOME SPARE TIME BEFORE OUR FIGHT BEGINS...

BEFORE

AFTER

I won't look all that different with these scars...

MAYBE I'M NOT PREPARED FOR THIS BATTLE AFTER ALL.

I'M ABOUT TO FIGHT RIZ, AND HERE I AM WORRYING WHETHER MY FACE WILL BE SCARRED...

WHAT ?!

4B

8:40 PM

Friday, December 31

Haru 10 minutes ago
Missed Call

I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD CALL HER...

I WANT TO HEAR HER VOICE. IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

IS SHE OKAY?

HARU CALLED ME?! I DIDN'T HEAR MY PHONE RING!

BLIP

BLIP

BLIP

HA HA! RIGHT!

WE HAVEN'T CELE-BRATED HERE YET.

HELLO HELLO, LEGOSHI! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HARU! THE WHITE TEAM IS GOING TO WIN THIS YEAR TOO!

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Dad

I like you

Mom

Older brother

HEY! DON'T INTER-RUPT HER!

SMALL ANIMALS LOVE TO SPEND TIME WITH THEIR FAMILIES...

OUR FAMILY ALWAYS CELEBRATES TOGETHER... I WANTED TO BE THE FIRST TO WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

I'M SURE NEXT YEAR IS GOING TO BE A GOOD YEAR FOR YOU.

LEGOSHI... IT'S A FULL MOON TONIGHT.

IF I'M ALIVE TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR...

...GRANDPA.

...I'LL GO SEE...

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU TOO.

HARU...

AND THAT I MIGHT END UP MAKING OUR FAMILY TREE EVEN MORE COMPLI-CATED.

I LIKE YOU.

I'LL TELL HIM HIS GRAND-SON IS IN LOVE WITH A RABBIT.

...FELL IN LOVE WITH GRANDMA, A GRAY WOLF.

I WANT TO ASK HOW GRANDPA, A KOMODO DRAGON ...

I'LL JUST BE MYSELF.

I WON'T TRY TOO HARD.

I'LL HAVE A HEART-TO-HEART WITH HIM.

...LIKE I'VE BEEN DOING ALL YEAR.

I'LL TAKE THINGS ONE STEP AT A TIME...

HUF

HUF

HUF

I RAN HERE, SO I'M SWEATY.

SORRY I'M LATE. HAVE YOU BEEN WAITING LONG?

WELL, I'M THE ONE WHO CHALLENGED YOU TO THIS FIGHT.

NO PROBLEM. YOU'RE RIGHT ON TIME. YOU'RE CONSIDERATE EVEN AT A TIME LIKE THIS...

UM...

WELL...? WHEN SHOULD WE START?

VIP VIP

SO LOUIS DIDN'T COME AFTER ALL...

...READY FOR YOU TO HEAR.

I HAVE THE TRIP GONG...

YOU CAN'T HEAR HIM NOW THOUGH...

YOU MEAN... THE BELL YOU RING TO START A BOXING MATCH?

THE... TRIP GONG?

"BUT JUSTICE WILL WIN OUT IN THE END."

...WAS VERY FILLING.
AN ENTIRE DALL BIGHORN SHEEP...

PI...
NA...

NOW...
READY
TO
START2

SNIFF

TAKE IT EASY, FREE. DON'T SNIFF TOO MUCH OF THAT STUFF. YOU'LL LOSE YOUR COORDI-NATION.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO FIGHT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE? THIS SUCKS, BOSS.

I'M SO PSYCHED!

OH YEAH! I'M TOTALLY HITTING THE CATNIP FIRST! IT'S BEEN FOREVER SINCE WE HAD A GOOD BATTLE!

ROOOAR!

VWIP

VWIP

VWIP

CALEN-DARS DON'T EXIST IN THE BLACK MARKET.

LEGOSHI...
FIGHTING RIZ IS SUICIDE.

WERE YOU SERIOUS?

BUT HE WOULDN'T MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THAT UP.

I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAVE HIM IF I HURRY OVER...

LEGOSHI AND RIZ ARE FIGHTING TODAY TOO... UNDERNEATH THE RAILWAY TRACKS AT GAZURA, HE SAID...

AHA! THERE THEY ARE!

HEH HEH HEH

CANIDAE ARE SO MUCH FUN TO HUNT...

WHEN YOU KICK 'EM IN THE CROTCH, THEY YELP LIKE CHIHUAHUA BITCHES!

ENOUGH OF YOUR ENDLESS BABBLING. LET'S FINISH THIS QUICK.

I CAN'T CONCEN-TRATE... THEY ALL LOOK LIKE LEGOSHI!

SIGH

WHY DO WE HAVE TO FIGHT WOLVES TODAY OF ALL DAYS?!

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...BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T PAYING ATTENTION.

A DALL BIGHORN SHEEP GOT SACRI-FICED...

NO.

HE'S IN MY STOM-ACH!

YOU'RE LYING.

NO.

THAT GOOD-LOOKING MALE SHEEP IS AL-READY—

WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT, LEGOSHI ...?

Chapter 91: Howls of the Guardian Angel

Z!

AH!

HM...
HM...

NO... OVER HERE...

HUH? YEAH... THERE...

SNIFF SNIFF

SNIFF

MMBL MMBL

THIS WAY...

...IS OPEN.

MY FILING CABINET OF SCENTS ...

ARGH!
NNGH!

RIZ AND LEGOSHI! YOU'RE BOTH RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!

I'M NEVER HAVING ANYTHING TO DO WITH CARNIVORES AGAIN FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!

AM I GOING TO END UP RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR IN A GARBAGE DUMP?

HE HAS A CUT ON HIS LEFT ARM.

HE'S IN A GARBAGE DUMP UNDER THE RAILWAY TRACKS 1.3 MILES AWAY.

...

YOU WIPED PINA'S BLOOD ALL OVER YOURSELF TO FOOL ME, BUT IT DIDN'T WORK.

I FILE THESE SCENTS INSIDE ME SO I CAN HELP THE BEASTS I WANT TO PROTECT.

MY SENSE OF SMELL BECOMES...

PLEASE WIN!

WIN!

WIN, LEGOSHI...

...A HUNDRED TIMES MORE SENSITIVE WHEN I'M PROTECTING AN HERBI-VORE!

COME ON...

I AM NOTH-ING LIKE YOU.

WE'RE BOTH CARNIVORES WHO LUST FOR HERBIVORES... WE'RE THE SAME, YOU AND ME.

WE CARNIVORES ARE POWERFUL BECAUSE WE'RE FORCED TO BE ALONE.

I'MMM SSSO HYAPPY...

LEGOSHI, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER WE PROTECT HERBI-VORES OR DEVOUR THEM.

Z!
NNGH... I SAID, I'M SO HAPPY THAT...

...IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

YOUR STOMACH IS HARD AS A ROCK.

OUR FIGHT TO THE DEATH...

NNGH! RGH...

rrrip

YOUR FLESH AND BLOOD WILL FILL MY LONELI-NESS.

...AND MY SOUL...

RIZ'S LONELI-NESS...

AAAA

LOOK, BOSS! IT'S A FULL MOON TONIGHT!

SO IT'S A FULL MOON TONIGHT, HUH? I'M NOT SURE WHETHER THAT'S A LUCKY OMEN OR NOT.

HEY, IBUKI... SINCE WHEN DO YOU GET ALL MUSHY OVER A FULL MOON?

SHUT UP, FREE! THE BATTLE'S OVER. I CAN AFFORD TO BE SENTI-MENTAL.

COURSE IT IS! WE FINISHED OFF THOSE WOLF PUNKS IN A FLASH!

THAT WAS FUN, TELLIN' 'EM "DIG HERE, BOW WOW!" SO'S THEY'D DIG THEIR OWN GRAVES.

WE DIDN'T KILL THEM "IN A FLASH."

OH...

BUT IT'S MY FAULT THAT...

WHAT THE HELL? WHY ARE YOU APOL-OGIZ-ING TO ME NOW?

I SHOULD'VE PROTECTED YOU... I'M SORRY.

...YOUR FACE GOT MESSED UP, BOSS.

I PROMISE NOT TA SNIFF SO MUCH CATNIP BEFORE A FIGHT NEXT TIME.

MEW HOO HOO!

YOU'RE PATHETIC... I'LL SHOOT YOU NEXT TIME YOU SAY SOME-THING LIKE THAT.

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY WHEN FREE TOOK RESPONSI-BILITY FOR HIS ACTIONS...

HEH

JUST GETTING SOME SMOKES. WAIT IN THE CAR, OKAY?

HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GUYS GOING?

BOSS...

THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO HEAR... EVEN IF YOU TAKE IT THE WRONG WAY.

THE SHISHI-GUMI HAS CHANGED.

IT'S OKAY THAT YOU'RE WEAK.

NONE OF US KNEW THAT BEFORE WE MET YOU.

WE HAVEN'T TURNED INTO SAINTS... BUT CARNIVORES GET STRONGER WHEN WE HAVE SOMETHING TO PROTECT.

IBUKI...

WE NEED YOU, BOSS!

OOPS... SORRY, I'M GETTING REALLY SENTIMENTAL NOW! I GUESS WE'RE ALL EMOTIONAL TONIGHT BECAUSE IT'S NEW YEAR'S EVE.

BUT THEY ALWAYS CRAVE MEAT. THAT'S WHY THEY'RE ALSO CONTINU-ALLY ON EDGE.

CARNIVORES ARE PHYSICALLY POWERFUL. THEY CAN AFFORD TO BE CARING AND PROTECTIVE OF THEIR COMRADES.

UNTIL THIS MOMENT...

...I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT...

MAYBE... I'VE LIKED THEM FOR A WHILE NOW...

...BE-CAUSE OF THAT STUPID WOLF JUNIOR CLASS-MATE OF MINE.

IBUKI ...

...I LIKE CARNIVORES.

I'M LEAVING THE SHISHI-GUMI.

AND THERE'S SOMEONE I HAVE TO SEE— RIGHT NOW!

PLIP
...
YOU'LL BURN YOUR-SELF.

Chapter 92: You Are the King of the Beasts

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BOSS! YOU'RE EATING VEGETABLES IN FRONT OF ME!

That pissed me off.

I see...

YOU LOVE VENISON, BUT YOU'VE REFUSED TO EAT IT IN FRONT OF ME BEFORE...

I'M EATING VEG-ETABLES WHILE YOU'RE EATING VENI-SON.

FREE MUST HAVE TOLD YOU WHAT MY FAVORITE FOOD IS...

YOU NEED TO HAVE NERVES OF STEEL— LIKE I DO.

YOU SHOULDN'T KEEP SECRETS IF YOU WANT TO GET ALONG WITH ME!

Y-
YOU'RE

LEAVING

...THE
SHISHI-
GUMI2!

A BEAST
WHO'S
VERY
IMPORTANT
TO ME
MIGHT DIE
TONIGHT!

WHAT'S
WRONG,
BOSS
...2

YES...
EFFECTIVE
IMMEDI-
ATELY.

...MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU...

...THAN THE SHISHI-GUMI?

IS THAT BEAST...

BOTH ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT... BUT THEY'RE POLAR OPPOSITES.

I CAN'T COMPARE THE TWO.

BAM

IF I'M GOING TO BEAR WITNESS TO HIS COMMITMENT TO HIS VALUES, I CAN'T GO AS THE HEAD OF THE SHISHI-GUMI. BESIDES—

HE LIVES IN THE LIGHT.

YOU UNDER-STAND THAT, DON'T YOU?

YOU CAN'T JUST RUN OFF TO RESCUE YOUR FRIEND ON A WHIM AND RETURN TO THE SHISHI-GUMI LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED!

WELL, WELL, IBUKI... SO THAT'S HOW BIG YOU ACTUALLY ARE...

YES. I DO.

BUT I ALREADY KNEW THAT.

...

I'M SMALL, SO YOU MUST HAVE BEEN CROUCHING IN MY PRESENCE ALL THIS TIME OUT OF DEFERENCE TO ME.

WAIT! PLEASE!

YOU'RE A LION AND A MEMBER OF A CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION, BUT YOU'RE SO CONSIDERATE... IF YOU KEEP THIS UP, YOU'LL BURN OUT.

H-HOW ABOUT...

...WE GO ON A DRIVE AND TALK THIS OVER!

VROOM

FREE CAME ON HIS MOTOR-CYCLE. THEY'LL BE FINE.

Them

Boss...

YOU LEFT THEM BEHIND...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON, BUT I HAVE TO GET THE UPPER HAND AND STOP HIM FROM LEAVING US!

I HAVE TO STRATEGIZE IF I'M GOING TO CONVINCE HIM TO CHANGE HIS MIND...

BUT HE DIDN'T SHOW A TRACE OF EMO-TION.

ACTUALLY, I THOUGHT IF I JUST THREATENED HIM A LITTLE, HE'D CRINGE AND TAKE IT BACK...

BOSS...

PEEK

I CAN'T ACCEPT ANY OTHER BEAST AS OUR BOSS.

THERE'S NO BEAST AS POWERFUL AS YOU.

YOU, A LION, TELLING ME I'M POWERFUL? I CAN'T TAKE THAT AS A COMPLIMENT.

AS POWERFUL AS... ME?

THE POWER OF LIONS LIES ONLY IN THEIR EFFECTIVENESS AS WEAPONS. OUR STRENGTH IS A BURDEN WHETHER WE FLAUNT IT OR HIDE IT.

I EVEN HURT MYSELF WITH MY WEAPONS... UNTIL I MET YOU.

DO I SEEM HAPPY TO YOU, IBUKI?

OF COURSE YOU SEEM HAPPY, BOSS...

THIS ISN'T AN INITIATION TEST. ANSWER ME HONESTLY.

Ibuki (18)

HEH HEH... OF COURSE I **AM** HAPPY. COINCIDENTALLY, LIONS ARE BLESSED WITH THE NAME "KING OF THE BEASTS."

I WONDER WHAT IDIOT CAME UP WITH THAT EXPRES-SION...

ANYWAY, BEASTS MUST ADAPT TO SURVIVE.

TUP

LISTEN ---

HUF

HUF

HUF

TAKE ON THE ROLE OF THE KING OF THE BEASTS, IBUKI.

THAT'S WHAT SHISHI-GUMI MEMBERS DO.

IN THE SHISHI-GUMI, BEING A CARNIVORE MEANS BEING HAPPY.

I ACTED THE PART OF THE KING OF BEASTS LIKE OUR OLD BOSS TOLD ME TO.

I WORKED MY WAY UP THROUGH THE RANKS.

I KEPT UP A BOLD FRONT FOR A VERY LONG TIME...

...ONLY GOADED ME INTO ACTING EVEN MORE TOUGH...

?!

THE LOOKS OF ABJECT TERROR IN THE FACES OF HERBI-VORES...

...THAT EVEN I COULDN'T CON-TROL...

...UNTIL I BECAME A HUGE, DARK HULK...

AND THEN YOU APPEARED. AND YOUR GAZE WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT. I'D NEVER SEEN ANYONE LIKE YOU.

THE NAME "KING OF THE BEASTS" SOUNDED EMPTY IN COMPARISON TO YOUR NOBILITY.

YOU SURPRISED ME. YOU KEPT ON SURPRISING ME.

WE'RE DIFFERENT SPECIES, YET WE'VE FOUND A WAY TO COEXIST.

THE DAYS I'VE SPENT WITH YOU HAVE BEEN STRESS-FUL, OF COURSE, BUT THEY'VE BEEN THE MOST ENJOYABLE OF MY 35 YEARS ON THIS PLANET.

BUT I CAN'T LIVE IN THE LIGHT OF DAY.

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT...?

MOST BEASTS CAN'T CHANGE. LIKE YOU... LEAVING THE SHISHI-GUMI AFTER ONLY SIX MONTHS. IT'S ESPECIALLY HARD FOR THOSE OF US WHO GREW UP IN THE BLACK MARKET...

LIFE IN THE BLACK MARKET IS LIKE BEING INSIDE THIS PITCH-BLACK TUNNEL... THERE'S NO GUARANTEE YOU'LL COME OUT THE OTHER END ALIVE.

DEER CAN'T SEE IN THE DARK... UNLIKE US CARNI-VORES.

IT'S PITCH-BLACK IN HERE...

ALL THE LIGHTS ARE OUT INSIDE THE TUNNEL.

BOSS... YOUR FIELD OF VIEW IS FILLED WITH JUST ONE COLOR— BLACK.

HUF

HUF

HUF

HUF

...BUT, I'M STILL A LION OF THE SHISHI-GUMI.

I'M NOT PUTTING UP A BOLD FRONT ANY-MORE...

THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN SETTLE THINGS WITH YOU.

BOSS...

...I'VE ENJOYED OUR TIME TOGETHER.

I TOLD YOU...

I'VE BEEN TRULY HAPPY.

BUT I LIED.

HUF

HUF

KREEK

LOUIS... YOU... SAVED ME.

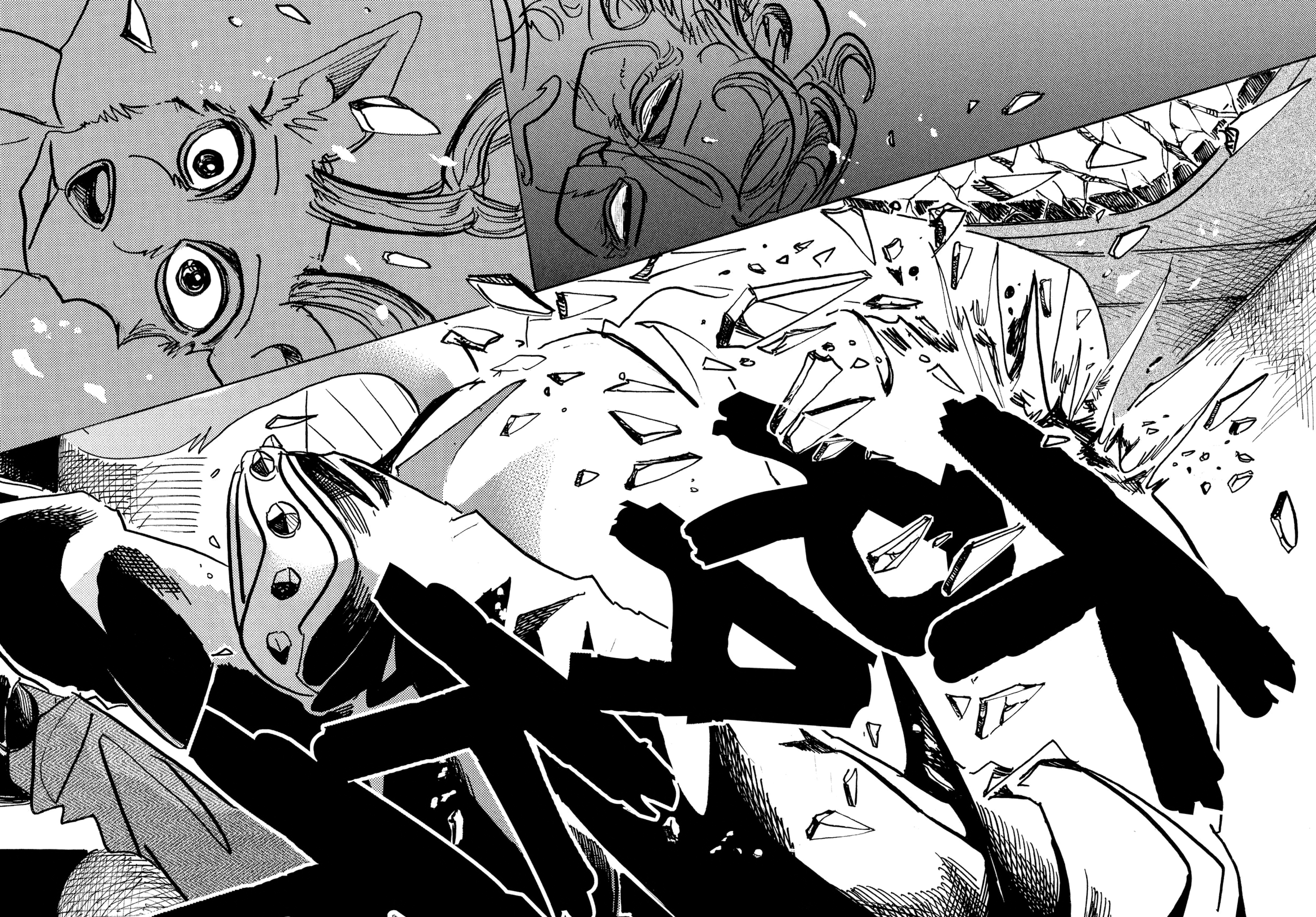
I'VE STOPPED THE CAR... I'LL DEVOUR YOU IF YOU REFUSE TO SETTLE THIS MATTER.

I CAN'T... SHOOT YOU...

I CAN'T, IBUKI...

IS THAT SO...? THEN...

SHOOT TOWARDS THE DIRECTION OF MY VOICE... GO AHEAD.



IBUKI
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IBUKI
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HUF

HUF

HUF

I FOLLOWED YOU ON MY BIKE...

THIS TIME I PROTECTED YOU, BOSS.

THE FATE OF MEMBERS OF THE SHISHI-GUMI IS HARSH, IBUKI.

Chapter 93: Pluck the Golden Hairs from the Shirt and Place Them into Your Pocket

IBUKI
...

COME ON, IBUKI!

IBUKI !

YOU'RE A LION! YOU CAN'T DIE LIKE THIS!

OPEN YOUR EYES!

FREE... W-WHY...

...DID YOU SHOOT HIM?!

SHF

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT A LION WHO LIVED HIS LIFE IN THE BLACK MARKET COULD LOOK SO PEACEFUL...

HE LOOKS SO PEACEFUL DEAD...

BECAUSE I PROMISED YOU...

I DON'T REGRET SHOOTING YOU EITHER.

IBUKI... YOU DON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS, DO YOU?

HOW COME?

KCHAK

FREE... FROM TODAY ON, YOU'LL CARRY AN EXTRA BULLET ON YOU.

USE THIS BULLET TO SHOOT ME.

IF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BOSS AND ME TURNS INTO THAT OF A DEER AND A LION... DON'T HESITATE TO SHOOT ME.

I HOPE THE DAY NEVER COMES WHEN YOU'LL NEED TO, OF COURSE, BUT... IF I EVER LOSE MY MIND AND TRY TO DEVOUR THE BOSS...

THE BOSS IS VERY AMBITIOUS, AND SO ARE WE.

OH, OKAY... HEH HEH... IT'S ALWAYS TENSE 'CAUSE A DEER IS WORKING WITH US LIONS...

THAT'S YOUR ONLY DUTY. I'LL PROTECT THE BOSS FROM EVERYTHING ELSE.

WE'LL LIVE WELL...

...WITH THIS BOSS.

IT'S NOT BAD KNOWING WHAT YOU WANT AND GOING AFTER IT.

BUT IBUKI DIDN'T GO CRAZY AND TRY TO DEVOUR ME... THIS IS ALL MY FAULT. I TOLD HIM OUT OF THE BLUE THAT I WAS LEAVING THE SHISHI-GUMI.

THAT'S WHAT YOU PROMISED HIM...?

HE ISN'T FLEXIBLE.

IBUKI DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH BEASTS...

KCHAK

HERE WE ARE, BOSS.

?!

HE COULD ONLY DEAL WITH YOU AS A LION OF THE SHISHI-GUMI.

DON'T EVER RETURN TO THE BLACK MARKET.

YOU'LL REACH THE MAIN STREET IF YOU PASS THROUGH THAT ROAD.

BUT REMEMBER THIS...

GO LIVE IN THE WORLD WHERE YOU BELONG.

IF I KILL YOU NOW, IBUKI WILL HAVE DIED FOR NOTHING.

THE NEXT TIME I SEE YOU, I WILL KILL AND DEVOUR YOU.

ALL RIGHT... I PROMISE I'LL NEVER COME BACK.

SO MUCH HAP-PENED...

I ENJOYED MY TIME WITH YOU...

...BOSS.

PLIP

I CAN'T BELIEVE... HOW STRONG...

HUF

HUF

HUF

...YOUR BONES ARE...

PLIP PLIP PLIP

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN REACH HIS VITAL ORGANS...

HAVE YOU ALSO COMMIT-TED THE SIN OF EATING MEAT?

YOU'RE INCRED-IBLY TOUGH.

...IS RESPECT FOR LIFE...

THE ONLY THING WE VALUE...

GRRRWL

YOU'LL NEVER UNDER-STAND, RIZ...

...JUST AS YOUR PROTEIN AND CALCIUM ARE A PART OF ME NOW.

...HAVE ENTERED MY FLESH AND BLOOD...

MOTH... YOUR WORDS...

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MOTH?

?

...BE-FORE THEY BECOME A PART OF YOU.

ALL LIVING BEINGS MUST FIRST UNDER-STAND AND RESPECT EACH OTHER...

...POWERFUL ONE.

FOLLOW YOUR DESTINY...

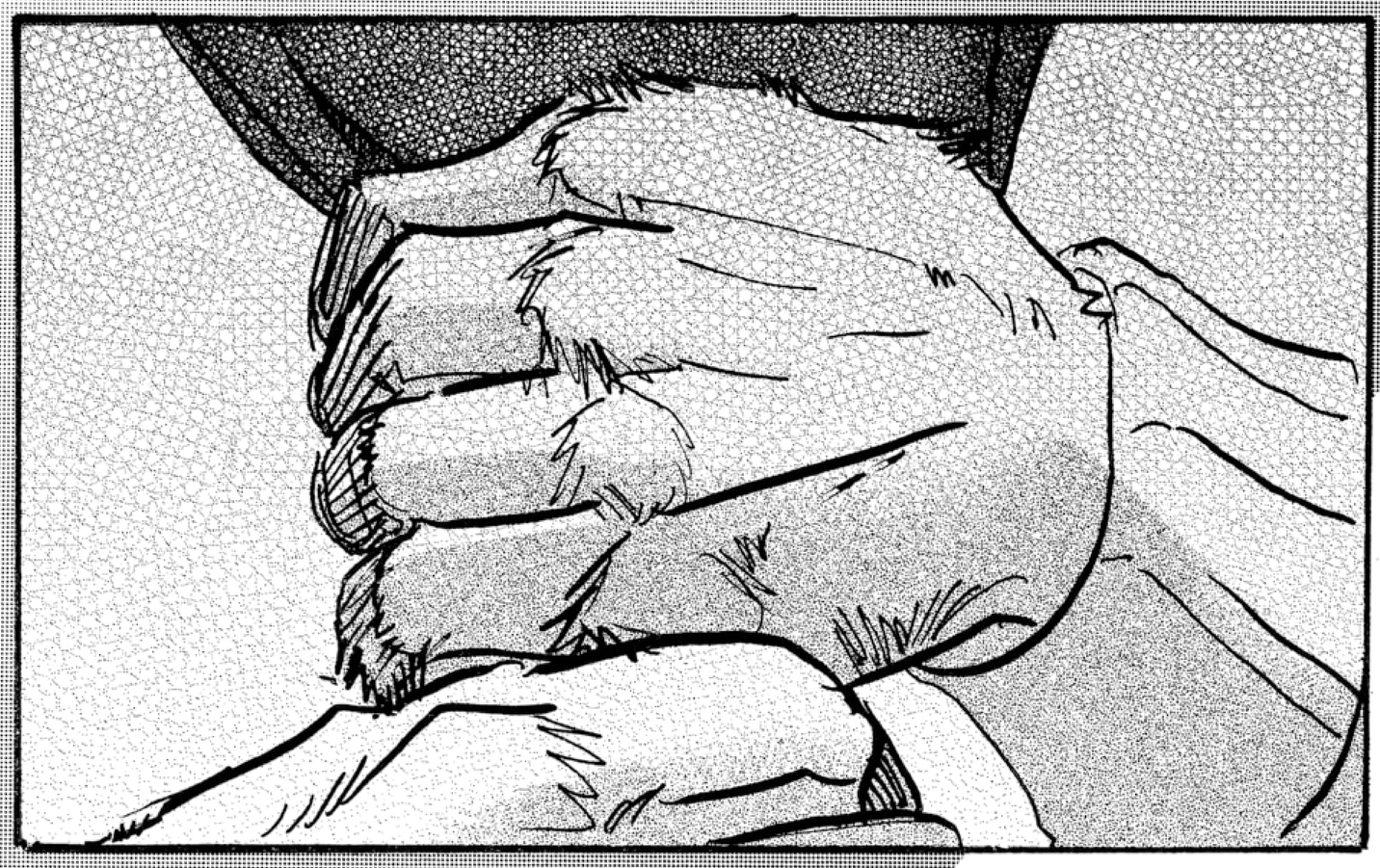
GASP

I...

IS THIS AN ILLU-SION?!

HUF

HUF



...TEM AND I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND OR RESPECT EACH OTHER!
WHAT YOU JUST SAID MADE IT SOUND LIKE...

SKWE
SKWEEZ-EZ

...BUT IT WASN'T ENOUGH!

NNGH...

I SEE YOU'VE BEEN TRAIN-ING...

I WON'T FOR-GIVE YOU.

I WON'T LET ANYONE...

...DIS-HONOR THE FRIEND-SHIP TEM AND I SHARED!

YOU KILLED AND DEVOURED TEM! TEM WASN'T YOUR FRIEND— HE WAS YOUR VICTIM!

YOU RUINED EVERY-THING!

SO SHUT UP!

SWI NG

TEM... DON'T WORRY ...

I'LL SHUT HIM UP.

SP

TWTCH

ZRT

...

TUP

LEGO-
SHI!

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LEGO-SHI.

LEGO-SHI.

DRAG

...

UH-HUH... THIS IS WHAT IT FEELS LIKE... WHEN A BEAST IS ABOUT TO DIE...

KLNCH

OH YEAH!

SWING

THEY GET GOOEY... LIKE LIQUID...

WHOA

SLAM

I'VE SLAMMED YOU AGAINST THE WALL FIVE, SIX TIMES AL-READY, BUT YOU'RE STILL...

BUT YOU'RE... TOUGH.

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...CON-
SCIOUS.

EH?

UM
...

ARE
YOU
OKAY?

W-
WHAT
...?

NGH...

LEGO-
SHI...?

HEH HEH...
GOOD POINT.
BUT NOW THAT
OUR RELATION-
SHIP IS SPECIAL,
THERE'S
SOMETHING
I SHOULD
TELL YOU...

...AND
NOW
YOU'RE
WOR-
RIED
ABOUT
ME?

YOU'VE
BEEN
MERCI-
LESSLY
TRYING TO
KILL ME...

UH-OH.
THIS IS GOING
TO BE BAD...

WHAT
IS
IT...?

WHEEZE

WHEEZE

I THINK...
MY RIBS ARE
BROKEN...
THAT MUST BE
WHY...
IT'S SO HARD
TO...
BREATHE...

I KNOW...

...THERE
WAS NO
FRIENDSHIP
LEFT
BETWEEN
ME AND
TEM WHEN I
DEVOURED
HIM.

I KNOW I KILLED AND DEVOURED TEM WITHOUT HIS CONSENT.

PLIP

PLIP

HOW CAN I PUT IT...?

THAT IS TO SAY...

...I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN.

DEEP DOWN...

RIZ! H-HOLD ON!

I... I...

I THOUGHT I OWED YOU THE TRUTH BEFORE I DEALT THE FINAL BLOW.

YOU'LL DIE AFTER I HIT YOU A FEW MORE TIMES.

TELL ME MORE...

HUP

WHAT?!

W- WHY ARE YOU SITTING LIKE THAT?! WE'RE IN A FIGHT TO THE DEATH!

I KNOW, BUT... I'M CURIOUS.

SO TALK TO ME...

...it's a symbolic gesture.

...

When carnivores lie back and expose their vulnerable bellies...

Carnivores would never lie down in the same bed with anyone other than their family or lovers.

Carnivore instincts prevent them from assuming this position unless they completely trust who they're with.

...THINK-ING?!

...you knew all along?

So you were say-ing...

WHAT IS THIS GRAY WOLF...

THIS IS MY CHANCE TO TAKE A LITTLE BREAK!

I REALLY DO WANT TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH HIM IF HE'LL OPEN UP...

SO TALK, RIZ... TALK TO ME...

I'M TAKING A GAMBLE, BUT...

ACTUALLY, FROM THIS POSITION, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO QUICKLY RETURN TO A FIGHTING STANCE...

TWTCH

WHAT THE HELL AM I DOINGZ!

HMPH ...

BUT... I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TALK ABOUT IT WITH SOMEONE... SO I GUESS IT'S OKAY IF WE TAKE A BREAK FOR A WHILE.

IT'S CRAZY FOR TWO MONSTERS TO LIE SIDE BY SIDE LIKE THIS...

MONSTERS... YOU MEAN US?

...AFTER I GRABBED HIM. I WAS DESPERATE. I JUST WANTED HIM NOT TO REJECT ME, BUT I ENDED UP HURTING HIM...

...THAT NIGHT...

TEM CALLED ME A MONSTER ...

"YOU CARNI-VORES ARE ALL MON-STERS."

IT DIDN'T COME AS A SHOCK TO ME.

ACTU-ALLY...

IT WAS LIKE... TEM WAS HUGGING ME WITH HIS WORDS... BECAUSE HE SAW THROUGH MY FACADE TO MY TRUE NATURE... EVEN THOUGH I'D ALWAYS ACTED THE PART OF A SWEET, EASYGOING BEAR.

HIS WORDS SURROUNDED ME LIKE AN EMBRACE.

THE TRUTH IS... I DEVOURED TEM BECAUSE I WAS SO FULL OF EMOTION...

IT MADE ME SO HAPPY. THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN IDEALIZING WHAT HAPPENED AFTER TEM CALLED ME THAT.

I'M SAD BECAUSE...

LEGOSHI... THE TRUE NATURE OF CARNIVORES IS THAT WE'RE MONSTERS.

...THE TRUTH IS, I CAN'T REALLY REMEMBER TEM'S FACE OR VOICE ANYMORE...

...BUT I CAN STILL VIVIDLY RECALL HIS TASTE AND SMELL.

...LIKE RIZ.

I COULD HAVE ENDED UP...

...

...OUT OF LOVE FOR HER. IT WAS A VERY FINE LINE...

...I MIGHT HAVE DEVOURED HARU TOO...

IF MY FRIENDS HADN'T HELPED ME...

SKWEEZ

...“GO AHEAD. ENJOY BEING A TEENAGER” WHEN WE FOUGHT IN THE SHOWER ROOM?

HEY... REMEMBER WHEN YOU SAID...

...

EVEN NOW, WE'RE JUST TWO TEENAGE CARNIVORES HANGING OUT TOGETHER.

GRAB

...BUT WE NEED TO KEEP GOING.

YOU CAN'T FIGHT ANY-MORE...

BUT I HAVE MY PRINCI-PLES.

STAND UP. I PROMISE TO DEVOUR YOU GENTLY.

CARNIVORES HAVE CLAWS AND FANGS BECAUSE WE'RE PREDATORS.

AND TO ALWAYS REMEMBER YOUR TASTE.

I HAVE MY PRIN-CIPLES TOO.

NO, RIZ...

I HAVE TO KEEP GOING... I'M RECOV- ERING MY STRENGTH.

HUF

HUF

...

Z

CARNIVORES HAVE CLAWS AND FANGS TO PROTECT OTHERS.

SWIPE

ZI!

TUP TUP TUP TUP

NNGH! ARGH.

ARRGH.

KICK

UNGH ...

KLAKKETA KLAKKETA KLAKKETA KLAKKETA

SHF

WHERE'D HE GO?

HUF ... HUF ...

KLAKKETA KLAKKETA KLAKKETA KLAKKETA KLAKKETA KLAKKETA

KLAKKETA KLAKKETA KLAKKETA KLAKKETA

LEGOSHI... I'M SORRY I'M LATE. WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO NOW...?

THE TRAIN DROWNED OUT OUR STEPS AND SAVED US.

THANK YOU FOR COMING.

I'M ALL RIGHT, LOUIS...

I NEVER IMAGINED THIS IS HOW I WOULD SPEND NEW YEAR'S EVE, THE LAST DAY OF MY LIFE...

I'M SMILING A LOT TODAY...

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ALL I NEED TO DO NOW IS FINISH THIS BATTLE. SO I'M GOING TO GO...

YOU CAME, LOUIS... AND I'VE HAD A HEART-TO-HEART WITH RIZ...

ARE YOU CRAZY?!

I HAVE TO GET BACK TO RIZ. WOULD YOU HELP ME UP, LOUIS?

YOU CAN'T EVEN STAND UP ON YOUR OWN!

WHAP

I GUESS RIZ CAN KILL ME WHEN-EVER HE WANTS TO NOW.

YEAH... WELL...

YOU'RE BLEED-ING BADLY ...

YOU'RE COVERED WITH INJURIES! YOU'VE BEEN BITTEN ON YOUR RIGHT SIDE!

WINNING OR LOSING DOESN'T MATTER TO US ANYMORE.

WE'RE WIELDING OUR CARNIVORE PRINCIPLES AS WEAPONS.

RESPON-
SIBILITY
...?

GASP

SEEP
SEEP
SEEP

I HAVE TO SEE THIS THROUGH TO THE END.

TO TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY FOR MY OWN VIOLENT NATURE.

"WHY DO YOU ALWAYS REFUSE TO OWN YOUR OWN POWER?"

THAT'S NOT ALL I REMEMBER. A LOT HAS HAPPENED TO US OVER THE PAST YEAR.

YOU STILL REMEMBER WHAT I SAID...?

"...AND FIGHT TO LIVE OUR LIVES AU-THENTI-CALLY."

"WE'RE ALL FORCED TO COMPROMISE OURSELVES..."

"OUR WORLD IS COMPLEX."

"...OR WRONG ANSWERS."

"THERE ARE NO RIGHT..."

LOUIS...

IT'S THANKS TO YOU THAT I DIDN'T BECOME A MONSTER.

...SAVED ME.

LOUIS... YOU...

GET AHOLD OF YOUR-SELF!

WHAT THE HELL ...?!

HUH?

HIDE YOUR TRUE FEELINGS... KEEP IT TOGETHER, LOUIS...

I CAN'T BEGIN TO COM-PREHEND SUCH SAVAGE INSTINCTS.

ARE YOU WILLING TO DIE JUST TO PROVE A POINT?!

I FEEL HOT.

WHY DO I FEEL SO HOT?

IF YOU'RE THAT EAGER TO DIE, GO AHEAD. LEAVE ME, A WEAK BEAST, BEHIND AND GO OFF AND GET YOUR-SELF KILLED...

THAT'S RIGHT... HARDEN YOUR HEART.

THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS.

YOU'RE FIGHTING IN ORDER TO... PROVE YOUR PRINCIPLES... ARE THE RIGHT WAY FOR CARNIVORES TO LIVE ...?

...

CARNIVORES LACK SURVIVAL INSTINCTS BECAUSE THEY'RE SO PHYSICALLY POWERFUL.

GO AHEAD. SEE IF I CARE.

LOUIS...

L-
L...

ALL OF A SUD- DEN... IT'S RAINING.

HUH?! WHAT'S THIS...?

SIGH

?

...

THEY'RE LUKE-WARM... ARGH!

URK.

MY TEARS KEEP FLOW-ING.

HMPH...

I'LL STAY HERE ...

UM...

I CAN'T STOP!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME... I'VE CRIED LIKE THIS.

...WITH YOU FOR A WHILE.

...THE BLACK MARKET, WHERE I WAS BEING SOLD TO BE DEVOURED ALIVE.

...AFTER FATHER ADOPTED ME FROM...

I WASN'T ALLOWED TO CRY...

SO I'VE COMMITTED SIN AFTER SIN...

I WANTED TO SURVIVE.

I WANTED TO BE STRONG.

...SOMEONE I REALLY CARED ABOUT...

...AND ENDED UP SACRIFICING...

AND ALL BE-CAUSE... I'M WEAK.

LEGOSHI... YOU'RE STRONG.

IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO STOP YOU.

SNIFF

GO SETTLE THINGS WITH RIZ.

I'M SORRY ...

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

BUT... YOU'RE SWAYING ON YOUR FEET. YOU'LL DIE IF YOU FIGHT IN THAT STATE.

"I DON'T WANT TO SEE..."

"...ANY MORE OF MY GOOD FRIENDS DIE."

THE FAWN I ONCE WAS IS STILL CRYING IN THAT CAGE BACK IN THE BLACK MARKET...

...

I'LL GET YOU OUT OF THERE.

YOU'RE FREE.

YOU'RE NOT WEAK ANYMORE.

...TO ACQUIRE THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT ON.

EAT THIS, LEGOSHI ...

W-WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!

HURRY UP AND EAT... MY RIGHT LEG! QUICK, BEFORE YOU RETURN TO BATTLE!

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH ABOUT YOUR PRIN-CIPLES!

BUT YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T BEAT HIM LIKE THIS!

I... T-TRAINED MYSELF TO BE POWERFUL *WITHOUT* HAVING TO EAT MEAT!

LOOK! THIS WILL MAKE YOU DROOL...

DO IT QUICK-LY!

EATING MEAT IS THE MOST SERIOUS TABOO IN THE WORLD.

MY PRINCIPLES ARE UNCOMPROMI-SING.

GULP

THAT NUMBER... CARVED ON THE SOLE OF YOUR RIGHT FOOT... WHAT IS IT?

IT'S MY CURSE.

...ARE ABOUT TO AWAKEN...

SO MUCH SO THAT MY FANGS, WHICH HAVE BEEN ASLEEP...

BUT UNDER THE CIRCUM-STANCES...

...EATING MEAT WOULD BE LIKE A SACRED RITE.

FREE ME FROM MY CURSE, LEGOSHI...

GRAB

KLAKKETA

...I WON'T WASTE YOUR SACRI-FICE!

I SWEAR ...

KLAKKETA

TUD

...BECAUSE I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T FORFEIT OUR MATCH.

I GAVE YOU TIME TO TALK TO YOUR FRIEND...

HM... IT'S BEEN ABOUT 15 MIN-UTES.

THUD THUD

GRRRWL

LET'S... GET BACK TO...

GRRRWL

SORRY FOR THE... DELAY...

I CAN BARELY SPEAK BECAUSE I CAN'T STOP GROWL-ING.

LET'S DO THIS...

I THOUGHT I'D NEVER HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT ANYMORE.

I SEVERED ALL MY ATTACHMENTS TO THE DESIRE TO EAT MEAT...

I WAS SURE I'D FORGED A PATH TO BECOMING A BENIGN WOLF.

Benign Wolf

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT ...

EAT MY RIGHT LEG. HURRY! BEFORE YOU GO BACK TO FIGHT!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU DIE.
...THAN ANY DEATH SENTENCE.
HIS WORDS WERE CRUELER...

YOU'RE TREMBLING SO HARD...

...LOUIS.

HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO ME...

...LOUIS?

...YOU'VE REVEALED...

...YOUR WEAKNESS TO ME.

BUT FINALLY...

WELL ...?

I HAVE TO HONOR YOUR TRUST... WHO ELSE COULD DO THAT?

RRGH... I GUESS THERE'S NO POINT IN DEBATING ANY-MORE...

THE MOMENT LOUIS OFFERED HIMSELF, MY CLAWS AND FANGS WERE EAGER TO PREY ON HIM.

...I DEVOURED YOU BECAUSE YOU ASKED ME TO.

I DON'T WANT TO JUSTIFY MY ACTIONS BY CLAIM-ING...

...FOR ME TO...

IT'S SO EASY...

NOTHING JUSTIFIES THE ACT OF EATING MEAT.

CAN YOU ACCEPT THAT?

I'LL DO IT BECAUSE I WANT TO...

I SWEAR ...

TUG

ALL RIGHT. WHATEVER IT TAKES ...

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS COUNTS AS SELF-SACRIFICE?

...I WON'T WASTE YOUR SACRIFICE!

...TO CONVINCE YOURSELF TO EAT MY LEG...

YOU LOOK REALLY DIFFERENT SOMEHOW, LEGOSHI...

...I'M GUESSING OUR FORMER STAR ACTOR LOUIS CAME TO YOUR RESCUE.

I CAN'T SMELL WELL BECAUSE YOU BENT MY NOSE, BUT...

DID YOU DEVOUR THE BEAST WHO CAME TO SAVE YOUZ!

HEH HEH... YOU'RE WILLING TO DO ANYTHING TO WIN THIS FIGHT, AREN'T YOUZ

LOUIS MUST BE SAYING THE SAME THING IN HEAVEN.

MONSTERS WHO EASILY SUCCUMB TO OUR DESIRE FOR MEAT.

CARNIVORES— YOU AND ME— WE'RE ALL THE SAME.

...IS ALIVE. HE'S STILL HERE. AND HE'S ALSO...

LOUIS ...

SHIT
LEGO-
GO,
DO IT!

...INSIDE ME.

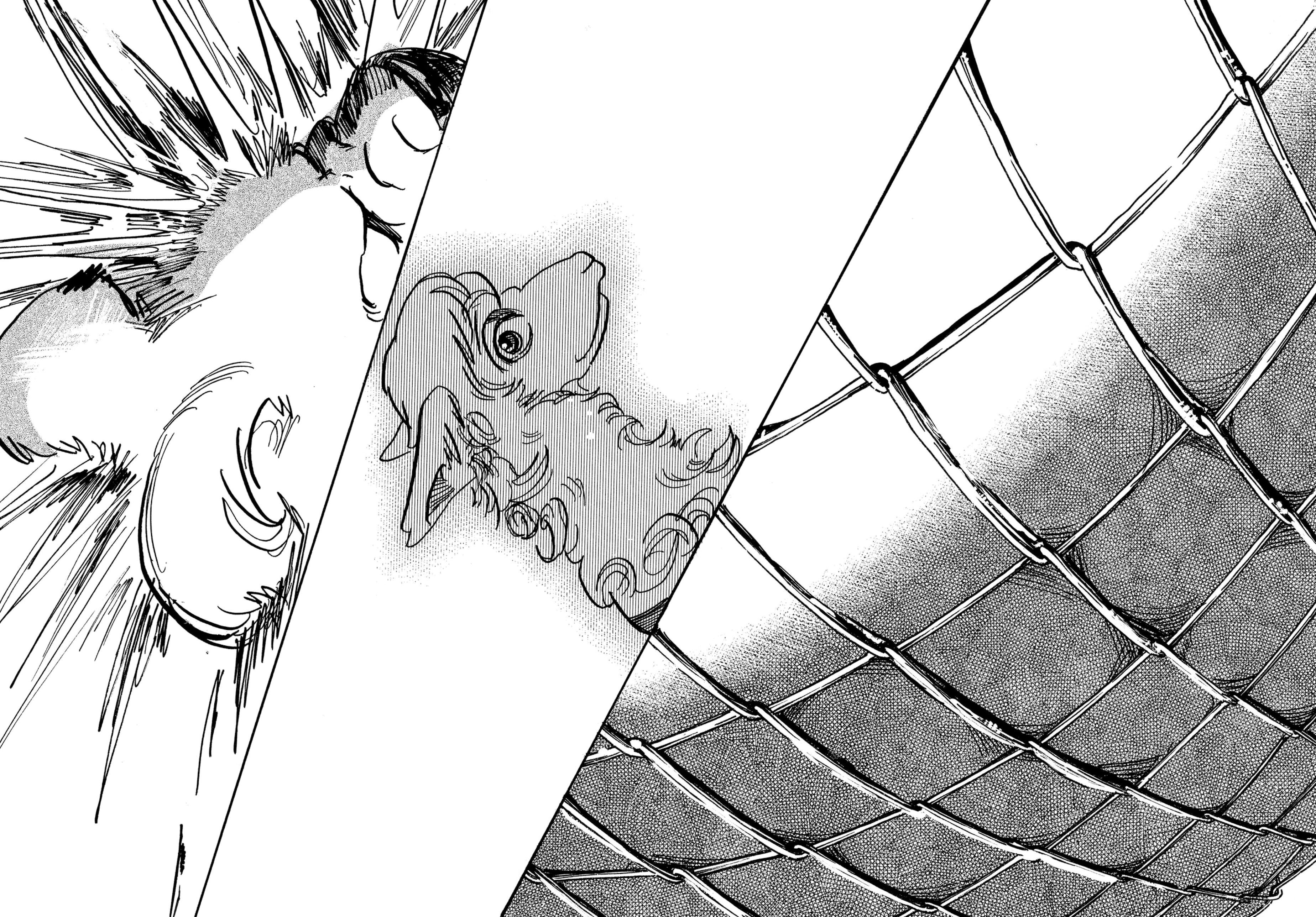
LOUIS...

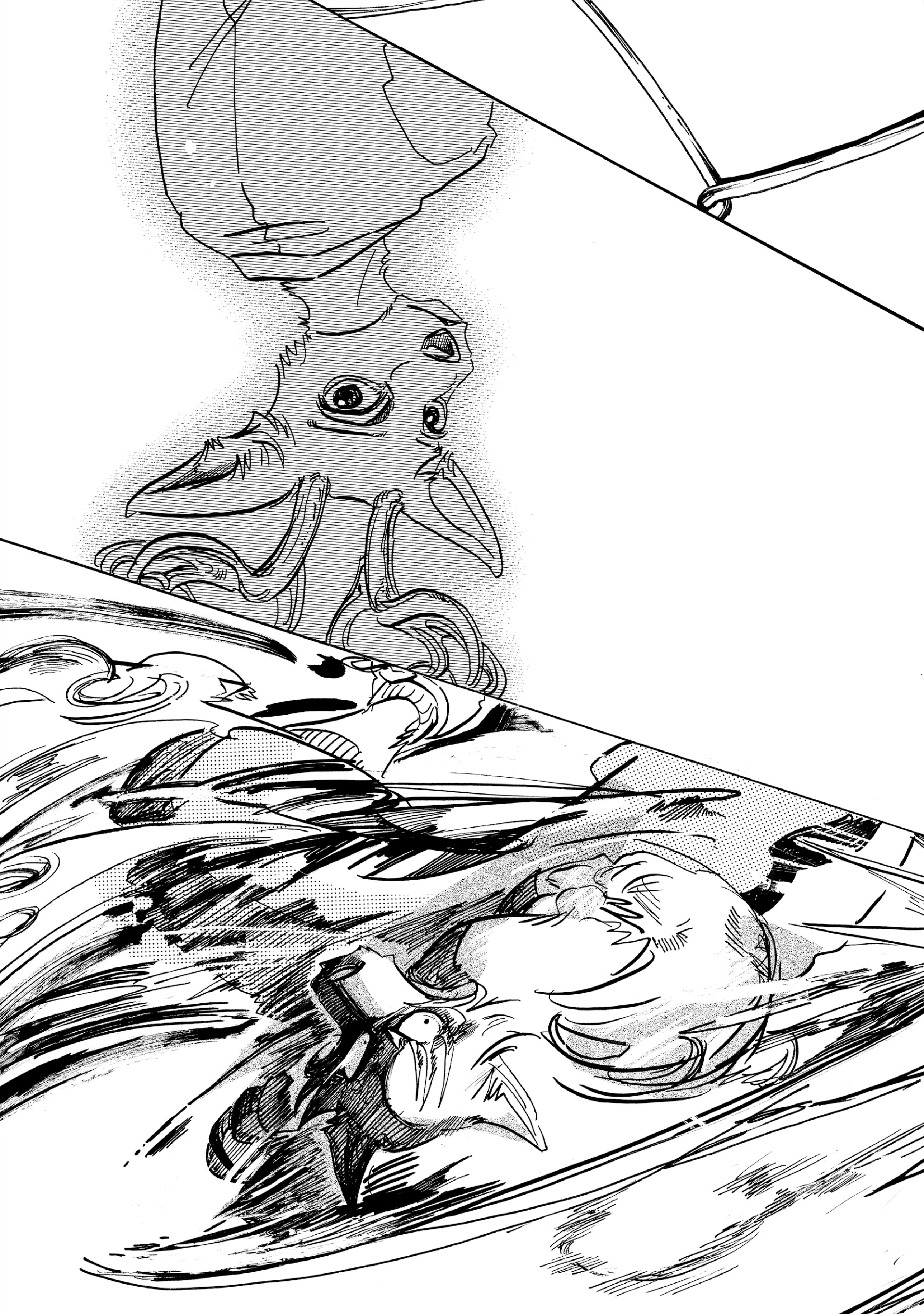
TEM...

LOUIS, THE PART OF YOU THAT I ATE IS FILLING MY BODY WITH ENERGY...

IT'S AS IF A FORBIDDEN SPELL HAS BEEN CAST UPON ME.

I'LL USE ALL THAT MAGICAL POWER TONIGHT...





RIZ, YOU WILLINGLY BECAME A MONSTER...

UNH!!

KOFF

...WHEN YOU DE-VOURED TEM.

DO YOU ONLY REMEM-BER WHAT HE TASTED LIKE?

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT TEM NOW?

THAT WAS ALL I WANTED IN THE WORLD. I STILL WANT THAT.

I WANTED US TO BE BEST FRIENDS...

...BE-CAUSE **MY** DESIRE WAS NEVER FUL-FILLED.

THE INTENSITY OF THAT DESIRE... IS A LOT MORE MEANINGFUL... THAN YOUR FEELINGS FOR LOUIS...

WE'RE TWO BEASTS WHO'VE EATEN MEAT...

IF GODS EXIST...

...ARE THEY LAUGHING!...

...AT US?

WE'RE FIGHTING WHILE THINKING OF THE BEASTS WE ATE.

...WILL...

I...

ARE YOU REMINISCING ABOUT ME?!

HEY, LEGOSHI...

I'M STILL ALIVE, YOU STUPID DOG.

L—
L...

...LOUIS.

...BETWEEN CARNIVORES...

...AND HERBI-VORES...

THE BOND...

...WAS SOME-THING I COULD ONLY GET BY RISK-ING MY LIFE...

WHAT I'VE ALWAYS LONGED FOR...

...EVEN AFTER ONE DE-VOURED THE OTHER!

THESE TWO BEASTS ARE STILL TIGHTLY BOUND TO EACH OTHER...

BUT YOU STILL SMILED AT ME...

TEM... YOU WERE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR LIFE WHENEVER WE WERE TOGETHER.

...WHILE YOU WERE STILL ALIVE?

...IF I'D TOLD YOU HOW I FELT...

WOULD THINGS HAVE TURNED OUT DIFFERENTLY...

...TEM?

...THANKED YOU...

IF I'D...

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Skrp
Skrp
Skrp
Skrp
Skrp
Skrp
Skrp
RRGH!
RRGH!
SNAP
HURRY... GOT TO HURRY!
I NEVER THOUGHT MY HORNS WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN MAKING GIRLS FALL FOR ME...
PHEW
DID IT!

BO BO BO BO BO NG NG NG NG

SHAKE SHAKE

RIZ! WE MADE IT TO THE NEW YEAR!

HEY, RIZ...

ARE THOSE THE NEW YEAR'S BELLS...? THE TIME FLEW BY...

VIP

OH!

OH!

HAPPY... NEW YEAR.

I GUESS I SHOULDN'T SAY THAT WHILE WE'RE STILL FIGHTING.

I'VE ALWAYS HATED THE DORKY THINGS HE SAYS WITHOUT A TRACE OF SELF-AWARENESS OR IRONY.

HE JUST ATE MY LEG, BUT HE'S STILL SOCIALLY AWKWARD...

HA HA HA... YOU WIN...

...LEGO-SHI!

ALL THIS TIME, I'VE IDEALIZED MY MEMORIES OF TEM. I THOUGHT OF OTHER HERBI-VORES AS JUST FOOD SO THAT I WOULDN'T FEEL THE PAIN ANY-MORE...

BUT I WAS WRONG.

ARGH...

MY HEART'S BEEN BREAKING ALL YEAR... BUT TONIGHT IT'S MENDED.

...TO MAKE ME ACCEPT THAT.

IT TOOK A WEIRD WOLF LIKE YOU...

...I ATE TEM THAT NIGHT— EVEN THOUGH HIS FACE IS COV- ERED WITH BLOOD LIKE MINE WAS.

HE LOOKS SO DIF- FERENT FROM HOW I MUST'VE LOOKED WHEN...

...AFTER EATING MEAT?

HOW CAN A CARNIVORE...

...HAVE SUCH BEAUTIFUL EYES...

BUT IT'S NO SURPRISE WE'D LOOK DIFFER- ENT...

I SEE NOW THAT TRUE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN CARNIVORES AND HERBIVORES *IS* POSSIBLE.

UUURGH!

THUNK

...

NOW WHAT...?

UM... I'M SORRY.

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOUR DIRTY T-SHIRT WAS ENOUGH TO BIND MY WOUNDS?

GIVEN THE WAY YOU DINED ON ME...

LOUIS! WE NEED TO RUSH YOU TO A HOSPITAL! OUR BATTLE'S OVER.

...LOUIS, TO A RED DEER, SAY TO HIM...?

WHAT SHOULD I...

HEY, RIZ...

LOUIS...

I...

WORDS THAT ARE HIGH-HANDED. WORDS THAT WOUND. WORDS THAT IMPRESS OTHERS.

I HAVE ALL KINDS OF WORDS AS WEAPONS IN MY ARSENAL. THIS IS THE BEAST WHO KILLED AND DEVOURED TEM.

...

I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY...

...TO YOU, RIZ...

I'VE SACRIFICED A LEG... WHATEVER I SAY WILL HAVE A BIG IMPACT.

FOUND THEM! THERE THEY ARE!

HEY...

LARGE SPECIES SQUAD, SECURE THE BROWN BEAR FIRST!

BUT NO...

WE CAN SEE THEM!

HANDS UP WHERE WE CAN SEE THEM!

POLICE! FREEZE!

RIZ, WAIT! WHAT YOU DID IS UNFOR-GIVABLE.

I REFUSE TO COMMUNI-CATE WITH CARNI-VORES USING WORDS THAT AREN'T AUTHEN-TICALLY MINE. FROM NOW ON, I'LL USE **MY OWN** WORDS...

BUT AS A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE DRAMA CLUB...

...I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT REALIZING HOW LONELY YOU WERE.

IT SEEMS ...

...LOUIS...

L-L...

...WILL ALWAYS INFLUENCE MY LIFE...

...CARNI-VORES...

WAS MY TIMING OFF? SHOULD I NOT HAVE CALLED THE POLICE?

? ?

W-WHAT'S GOING ON?

DON'T MOVE.

NOW STAND UP!

NOW!

YOU THERE! PUT YOUR HANDS UP TOO!

ARE YOU SERIOUSLY GONNA HOLD HIM HOSTAGE AFTER DEVOURING HIS LEGZ!

UM...

HEY! YOU HEAR ME, WOLF Z!

HANDS UP! NOW!

IT'S A FELONY TO EAT MEAT!

QUIT LICKING THE BLOOD OFF YOUR FACE. IT LOOKS BAD.

SHF

...LET GO OF HIM...

BUT IF I...

LICK

IF YOU RAISE YOUR HANDS, YOU'LL LET GO OF ME AND I'LL COLLAPSE.

I'M DOING IT FOR YOU!

HUH?! WHY ARE **YOU** RAISING YOUR HANDS?

YOU'RE RIGHT... BUT WE HAVE TO ACT FRIENDLY WITH EACH OTHER. OTHERWISE THEY'LL SEND YOU STRAIGHT TO JAIL, NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

No idea...

What are they talking about?

BUT... ***YOU'RE*** THE VICTIM HERE. YOU'LL CONFUSE THE POLICE.

I THREAT-ENED YOU AND FORCED YOU TO EAT ME.

BESIDES... *YOU'RE* THE VICTIM.

LET ME EXPRESS MY APPRE-CIATION.

I'M WILLING TO TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY FOR THIS.

I'M GLAD YOU'RE THE FIRST— AND LAST— MEAT I'LL EVER EAT IN MY LIFE.

THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL, LOUIS.

THE RELATION-SHIP BETWEEN LEGOSHI AND ME WILL ALWAYS BE THAT OF AN HERBIVORE AND A CARNIVORE, NO MATTER WHAT...

BUT I'M ABLE TO ACCEPT THAT REALITY NOW BE-CAUSE...

YES... A FRIEND.

TUP

YOU'RE WELCOME. ANYTHING FOR A FRIEND.

RUB RUB RUB

WHOOPS ... SORRY.

OR YOU'LL LOOK LIKE A BLOOD-THIRSTY CRIMI-NAL.

WIPE THE BLOOD OFF YOUR FACE BEFORE YOU SMILE.

...HAVE FINALLY FREED ME FROM MY CURSE.

HIS FANGS ---

THE CURSE CAST ON ME BY CARNI-VORE FANGS...

slmp

OOPS.

THE WEAKNESS AND PAIN OF THOSE WHO ARE DEVOURED ...

LEGO-SHI...

HUF

HUF

...COULD ONLY BE BROKEN BY ANOTHER CARNI-VORE'S FANGS.

HURRY !

GET HIM TO THE HOSPI-TAL, QUICK!

H-HE'S SERIOUSLY INJURED AND BLEEDING HEAVILY...

YOU THERE!

AND THAT THE PATIENT IS AN ARTIO-DACTYLA CERVI-DAE— AND A MINOR.

CALL AHEAD AND TELL THEM HE'S GOING TO NEED A BLOOD TRANSFU-SION!

DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL BE OKAY. LOOKS LIKE THE SITUATION'S COMPLICAT-ED...

ALL RIGHT.

YOU CAN TELL US WHAT HAPPENED BACK AT THE STATION.

LEGO-SHI!

PROMISE?

SEE YOU AT SCHOOL, OKAY?

ALL OF A SUDDEN ...

...I'M SPEAKING LIKE A CHILD, BUT LEGOSHI...

...IS NODDING LIKE AN ADULT.

END OF BEASTARS VOL. 11

POLICE

Shooting the frontispiece of this volume

To be continued...

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Keeps me warm.

YEAH. THIS IS THE ONLY MATCHING SET I HAVE.

Looks comfy though.

YOU'RE WEARING THOSE SWEATS ALL THE TIME IN VOLUME 11. ISN'T THE INSEAM KIND OF LONG?

TO HIDE MY SLIGHT BUILD.

I USED TO WEAR OVERSIZED WORKOUT CLOTHES IN THE DRAMA CLUB.

Faraway look...

BESIDES, WHEN I WEAR PANTS THAT FIT PROPERLY...

...BEASTS ARE ALWAYS COMMENTING ON HOW LONG MY LEGS ARE.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO RESPOND!

WHACK

What Happened After Chapter 89

I'M READY FOR TO-MORROW— FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE!

Nightcap

Bio Hazurd II

Bio Hazurd

Potato Chips

WELCOME BACK! LOOK, LEGOSHI! LOOK!

Room 701

I'M HO-OME!

AND THEN WE'LL BEAT BOTH *BIO HAZURD* GAMES WHILE SITTING BY THE HEATER! WE WON'T GO TO BED TILL MORNING, AND WHEN WE WAKE UP WE'LL HAVE NEW YEAR'S RICE-CAKE SOUP! IT'S THE PERFECT PLAN!

Bio Hazurd II

Bio Hazurd

Bocky

Potato Chips

WE'LL EAT SNACKS, AND WE'LL WATCH THE NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING CONTEST, AND WE'LL VISIT A SHRINE TO GREET THE NEW YEAR!

S-SO... WHY DON'T WE DO IT ALL *TONIGHT*Z!

Legoshi

SLIP

WHAT ...Z!

Bocky

I'M S-SORRY, JACK... THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO DO ON NEW YEAR'S EVE... THAT I CAN'T DELAY OR CANCEL...

Legoshi went all out playing with Jack because he was planning to duel the following day.

IT'LL BE FINE! COVER ME, JACK!

Playing Bio Hazurd

HEY, LEGOSHI! WHY'RE YOU CHARG-ING AHEAD Z!

I HOPE READERS CAN'T WAIT TO READ VOL. 11 THE MOMENT THEY GET IT!

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